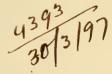
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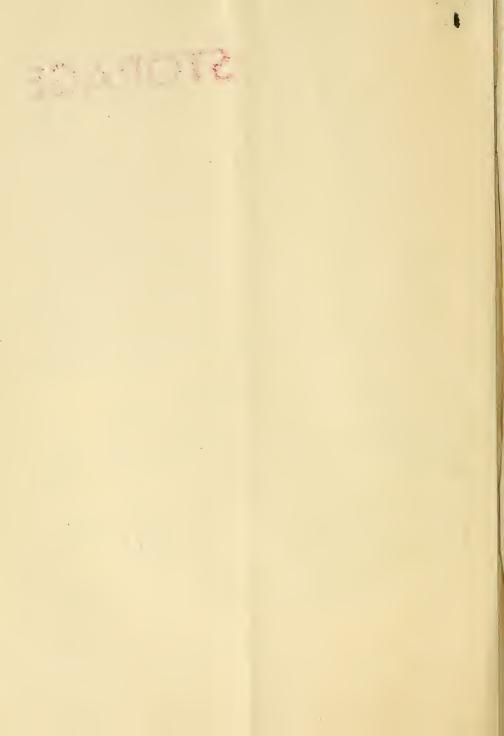
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TORONTO

GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

FOR THE YEAR 1896.





REMARKS ON THE METEOROLOGICAL RESULTS AT TORONTO FOR THE YEAR 1896.

--:0:----TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature of the year 1896 was 45'36, being 1'16 warmer than the average of 56 years and 1'08 warmer than 1895.

The mean temperature of the several months was in eight instances above and in four below the average for their respective months, the average excess to the average defect being in the ratio of 2° to 2°.77. On each of the 203 days the mean temperature was above the normal of that parof the 203 days the mean temperature was above the normal of that particular day and below on 163 days. The mean temperature of each month, with the difference from the normal, was: January, 22°·18—0°·24; February, 22°·62+0°·13; March, 23°·57—5°·18; April, 45°·77+1°·80; May, 59°·79+7°·65; June, 64°·75+2°·36; July, 68 72+1°·10; August, 67°·49+1°·28; September, 57°·41—1°·22; October, 44°·77—1°·60; November, 39°·45+3°·35; December, 27°·84+1°·50. Dividing the year into the ordinary seasons we have for Winter, 22°·79; Spring, 56°·77; Summer, 64°·54; Autumn, 37°·35. The thermic anomalies differ from the normal at temperature proper to the latitude: Winter, 12°·8; Spring, 96°·66; Summer, 10°·60; Autumn, —6°·08 tude: Winter, -13°8; Spring, -0°86; Summer, -1°69; Autumn, -6°98. On three months during the year the observed temperature exceeded the normal value for the latitude, viz.: May, 1°69; June, 0°15; July, 0°02. The mean daily range for the year was 17°58, the greatest monthly average occurring in August (22°56) and the least in December (12°.45). The greatest daily range (38°9) occurred on the 8th May, and the least (2°8) on the 29th December. The warmest month relatively was May, estimated by its excess (7°65) above the normal, July, the warmest absolutely. The coldest absolutely was January (22°18). March was the coldest relatively, its mean being 5°18 below the normal.

The climatic difference was 46° 54, the warmest day was the 12th of July, mean temperature, 78°32, and the coldest the 16th of February, 5°55 below zero; but the warmest day relatively was the 16th of May, it being 27°80 above its proper normal, and the coldest the 16th of February, which was 29°13 below the normal. The average temperature of the warmest and coldest days from former years was 77° 95 and 2° 24 below zero. The highest temperature of the year (91°3) occurred on the 12th of July, and the lowest (17° 9 below zero) on the 17th of February. The annual range from these extremes was 109°2, being 5°2 less than 1895 and 6°2 more than the average annual range. There were 39 instances on which the temperature at the hour of observation was 20° above the normal and 29 when a defect of equal amount occurred. The most striking deviations from the daily

normal curve of temperature have been as follows:

IN EXCESS.

			0 1				0
January	v 2. N	Iean Deviati	on 13:23	May	11, Mea	n Deviat	ion 20.80
Februa		do	13.02	do	16.	do	13.83
do	28,	do	12.15	June	7,	do	13 57
April	13.	do	12 97	October	29,	do	13.75
do	14,	do	16.17	do	30,	do	13 47
do do do do	15,	do	15 57	Novemb	oer 16,	do do	15.30
do	16,	do	22.85	do	17,	do do do do	12.17
do	17.	do	22 62	do	26,	do	15.58
do	18,	do	17.78	do	27,	do	20 67
do do	19,	do	13.42	Decemb	er 12,	do	13.33
May	8.	do	16 42	do	29,	do	14.57
do	9,	do	25.97	do	30,	do	16.77
do do	10,	do	27.80				

IN DEFECT.

			0				0
January	4, Mean				11, Mean		
do	5,	do	 24.83	do	12,	do	 18:57
do	6,	do	 15.10	do	13,	do	 15.92
do	7,	do	 14 63	do	14,	do	 13.33
February	16,	do	 29.13	do	20.	do	 15.55
do	17,	do	 28.80	do	22,	άο	 12 67
do	20,	do	 18.67	do	23,	do	 16.73
do	21,	do	 16 57	April	3,		 14.22
March	3,	do	 13.55	Decembe	er 23,	do	 16.40
do	4.	do	 15.58				

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.

The mean height of the Barometer was 29 6382 inches, being 0 0185 inches more than the average. The month which showed the greatest deviation from the normal was February, o 185 in excess; May and August showing the least 0006, also in excess. Average deviation without reference to sign was small, being only 0056. The highest reading was 30 422 inches at 4 p.m. of December 27th, and the lowest 28.734 at 4 p.m. of February 6th, giving a range of pressure of 1688 inches.

The number of days of large abnormal variation in which the average

pressure differed by two-tenths and upwards from the normal was 121, the greatest number (18) occurring in February, and least (3) in July and

August.

HUMIDITY.

The mean humidity of the year was 75, being 2 per cent below the average, the greatest monthly humidity was 84, in January, and the least, 66, in May. There were 17 cases of complete saturation at the hour of observation; 5 in January, 3 in February, 1 in May, 1 in July, 2 in October, 4 in November, and 1 in December. The least humidity of the year at the hour of observation was 20 on the 14th of August, at 4 p.m..

CLOUDS.

The extent of the sky clouded was on the average of the year six-tenths of the whole. June was the clearest month and January the most cloudy. During the year there were 55 days completely clouded, being 11 less than the average (1835-79), the greatest number (21) occurring in January, none being registered in the months of April, May, July and August.

WIND.

The resultant direction of the wind was N. 88° W., showing 14 more northing than 1895, and 11° more southing than the ten years to 1890. The mean velocity of the win! without reference to direction was 844 miles. The most windy month was March, with an average of 1000 miles per hour, and the least windy was August, with an average of 6.69 miles. The windiest day was February 19th, average velocity 38.53 miles per hour, and the day of least velocity September 18th, average velocity 1 92 per hour. The highest velocity in one hour was 500 miles, 4 to 5 p.in. of the 19th of September.

RAIN AND SNOW.

The total depth of rain that fell during the year was 21'770 inches, being 5.552 inches less than the average, and 0.761 less than the rainfall of 1895. The depth of snow, 73.3 inches, was 5 inches more than the average, and 18'5 inches more than the snowfall of 1895. September was the most rainy month as to quantity (5.085), and also with reference to the number of rainy days. December was the least rainy month, only 0'345 inches having fallen. The day of greatest rainfall was the 23rd of January, when 1'845 inches

fell. There was only one other day during the year on which over one inch

ell.

The heaviest fall of snow in one day was 7'4 inches on the 19th of March. Rain fell on 104 days, being 10 less than the average number, and 3 more than 1895. Snow fell on 43 days, being 23 less than the average and 5 less than 1895. There were 174 days on which neither rain nor snow fell; in 1895 the number was 176. The rain occupied 426 hours, and the snow 335 hours in its fall, giving a total of 756 hours, or 31 days and 12 hours when rain or snow was actually falling.

THUNDER-STORMS.

Of the 25 thunder-storms occurring during the year, the first was on the 25th of March, and the latest on September 27th, 1 in March, 1 in April, 8 in May, 6 in June, 4 in July, 4 in August, 1 in September. The most severe storms were on the 25th of May, 7th of June, 6th of July, 5th of August, and 27th of September.

AURORA.

Auroral displays were more numerous than in the previous year. Of the 18 observed, none were of the first class, 2 of the second class, 1 of the third class and 15 of the fourth class. There were 172 nights favourable for observation. The most brilliant displays occurring on the 4th of March, 17th of May and 6th of August.

SUNSHINE.

The total duration of bright sunshine during the year was 2146.7 hours; number of hours the sun was above the horizon, 4474.4; ratio of registered to possible, 0.48.

GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL

MAGNETICAL OBSERVATORY,

Latitude 43° 39'4 N. Longitude, 5h. 17m. 34'65. Elevation

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.
Average temperature Difference from average (56 years) Thermic anomaly (Lat. 43° 40'	$ \begin{array}{r} 22^{\circ}18 \\ -0.24 \\ -10.62 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 22^{\circ}62 \\ + 0.13 \\ -12.08 \end{array} $	23°57 — 5°18 —16°53	45.77 + 4.80 - 4.43	59°79 + 7.65 + 1.69	64.75 + 2.36 + 0.15	$68^{\circ}72 + 110 + 002$
Highest temperature Lowest temperature Mouthly and annual ranges Average maximum temperature, Average minimum temperature Average daily range Greatest daily range.	37.7 -10.3 48.0 28.21 15.02 13.19 28.2	48 · 9 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	54.9 4.6 50.3 31.25 15.37 15.88 32.8	79.7 18.3 61.4 55.60 37.69 17.91 32.9	90 8 36 5 54 3 71 11 49 24 21 87 38 9	86 3 41 9 44 4 75 90 53 94 21 96 32 9	91 · 3 47 · 2 44 · 1 80 · 01 59 · 38 20 · 63 36 · 2
Average height of bar, at 32° Fah Difference from average	29:7422 + 0942	29 4642 - 1852	29·6295 + · 0231	29 6922 + 0948	29:5817 + 0062	29 5823 + 0109	29 6035 + 0157
Highest barometer. Lowest barometer. Monthly and annual ranges	30°176 29°191 0 985	30 256 28 734 1 522	30 · 220 29 · 023 1 · 197	30 · 225 29 · 298 0 · 927	29 977 29 085 0 892	29.869 29.158 0.711	29°936 29°241 0°695
Average humidity of the air	+ 1	+ 2	- ⁷⁶ ₂	74 + 4	- ⁶⁶ 4	- ⁶⁷ 6	72 0
Average elasticity of aqueous vapour Average temperature of dew point	0·108 20·0	0 111 20·6	0·103 19·0	0 · 249 40 · 1	0:336 48:1	0·414 53·7	0:505 59:3
Average of cloudiness	+ 0.83	- °01	- 0.20 - 13	+ 0.64	- °09	- 0:42 - 11	+ 0.54
Resultant direction of wind	N 9 E 0 94 8 58	N 70 W 2:39 9:67	N 59 W 3 89 10 00	N 18 W 0·52 9·38	S 66° W 0.84 7.60	N 10 E 0.48 7.36	N 85 W 0.25 6.78
Total amount of rain in inches. Difference from average Number of days of rain	+ 0.700 3	+ 0.106 4	- 1 345 - 0 098 6		$- \begin{array}{c} 2.440 \\ -0.612 \\ 12 \end{array}$	- 1:105 - 1:774 6	$- \begin{array}{c} 2.175 \\ - 0.792 \\ 11 \end{array}$
Total amount of snow in inches Difference from average Number of days of snow	+ 20·7 + 3·3 11	29 6 +12 6 11		$-\frac{0.3}{2.1}$	-0.1		
Number of fair daysNumber of days completely_clouded	9 21	10 8	14 5	11 0	19 0	17	17
Number of auroras observed	3 10	0 8	3 19	4 15	1 24	1 20	1 21
Number of thunderstorms. Number of fogs.	0 0	0 0	2 2	1 1	8 2	6	4 4
Number of hours of bright sunshine Number of hours of possible sunshine	44·8 285·7	113 · 2 302 · 5	201 · 0 369 · 9	191.8 406.5	282 0 461 1	300 · 2 465 · 7	246·7 470·9

REGISTER FOR THE YEAR 1896.

TORONTO, ONTARIO.

above Lake Ontario, 108 feet. Elevation above the Sea, 350 feet.

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Aug.	SEPT.	Oct.	Nov.	DEC.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.	1891.	1890.
67°49 + 1°28 - 1°01	57°41 1°22 4°09	$\begin{array}{c} 44^{\circ}77 \\ -1.60 \\ -9.03 \end{array}$	39°45 + 3°35 - 3°75	27°84 + 1°50 - 8°16	45°36 + 1°16 - 5°66	44°28 + 0.08 - 6.74	46.75 + 2.55 - 4.27	43°53 0°67 7°49	$44^{\circ}61 + 0.41 - 6.41$	45°87 + 1.67 - 5.15	45.02 + 0.82 - 6.00
89 9 42 3 47 6 79 16 56 59 22 56 30 9	86.3 27.6 58.7 66.46 48.04 18.42 28.9	66 8 28 7 38 1 52 41 37 44 14 97 27 8	63.8 17.1 46.3 47.16 31.91 15.25 29.0	48.9 1.1 47.8 33.75 21.29 12.45 26.7	91.3 -17.9 109.2 17.58 38.9	93.4 -21.2 114.6 17.26 36.9	90.7 - 9.9 100.6 16.27 24.3	93 3 -17 8 111 1 17 15 36 3	93.5 -10.2 103.7 15.53 38.6	91 9 2 0 93 9 16 45 37 8	89 4 -2 7 92 1 16 22 36 0
29 6231 + 0062	29 6242 - 0422	29:6514 0116	29·7078 + 0843	29·7529 + ·1028	29 6382 + 0185	29 6171 - 0025	29 6246 + '005')	29 5996 - 0200	29 6325 + 0129	29 6385 + 0189	29·6313 + ·0117
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0·481 57·9	0·381 51·5	0·230 38·1	0.505 34.8	0 130 24 2	0·254 38 9	0.5223 41.3	0·277 42·9	0.262 41.5	0.272 42.5	0:267 42:0	0·272 42·5
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S 32° W 2:00 6:69	N 42 W 0 50 8 50	N 46 W 0.78 7.75	S 32 W 2·12 9·10	S 47 W 1:13 9:80	N 88 W 0.75 8.44	S 78 W 1:36 5:60	N 78 W 1·10 5·67	N 66 W 1.95 8.59	N 54 W 1:81 8:17	N 57 W 1 63 7 33	N 48 W 1 80 9 19
1·130 -1 741 9	5.085 +1.811 15	1:965 -0:393 11	2:605 -0:061 11	0·345 -1·253 4	21:770 5:552 104	22:531 -4:791 101	25:785 1:537 114	$31.145 \\ + 3.823 \\ 105$	25.285 - 2.037 119	26.735 - 0.587 108	32·110 +4·788 119
		+ 1.2	$-\frac{3.4}{1.2}$	- ^{6:0} 7:8	73·3 + 5·0 43	54·8 -13·5 48	37·8 30·5 32	85·7 +17·4 64	42.2 -26.1 43	47.8 -20.5 50	52.6 -15.7 52
17 0	14 3	20 3	10 5	16 9	174 55	196 48	179 43	156 50	165 57	193 60	159 68
2 21	1 16	1 15	0 12	1 13	18 194	11 195	23 199	18 208	33 195	18 212	7 186
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TEMPERATURE.

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	1896.	Average of 56 years.	Extr	EMES.
Average temperature of the year. Warmest month Average temperature of the warmest month. Coldest month Average temperature of the coldest month. Difference between the temperature of the warmest and coldest month. Average of deviations of monthly means from their respective averages of 56 years, signs of deviations being disregarded. Month of greatest deviation without regard to sign. Corresponding magnitude of deviation.	45°36 July 68°72 January 22°18 46°54 2 53 May 7°65	o 44 20 July 67 62 January 22 42 45 20 2 76 January 4 12	July, 1868 75°80 Feb., 1875 10°16 3°58 Feb., 1875 12°33	40'77 in 1873 Aug., 1860 61 46 Feb., 1848 26 00
Warmest day. Average temperature of the warmest day. Coldest day. Average temperature of the coldest day. Date of the highest temperature. Highest temperature. Date of lowest temperature. Lowest temperature.	12 July 91 3 17 Feb.	77.95 -2.24 90.87 -12.12 103.00	84 50 Feb. 6, 1855 Jan. 22, '59 —14 33 Aug. 24, '54 99 2	

BAROMETER.

	1896.	Average of 55 years.	Extremes.
Average pressure of the year Month of the highest average pressure. Highest monthly average pressure. Month of the lowest average pressure. Lowest monthly average pressure. Date of the highest pressure in the year Highest pressure. Date of the lowest pressure in the year Lowest pressure. Range for the year.	29 6382 Dec. 29 7529 Feb. 29 4642 27 Dec 30 422 6 Feb. 28 734 1 688	29·6196 Sept. 29·6664 June 29·5714 30·357 28·699 1·658	\$\begin{array}{c} 20.6779 & 29.5602 \\ \text{in 1849} & \text{Junc, 1864} \\ 29.8046 & 29.6525 \\ \text{March, 1859} & \text{Nev., 1850} \\ 29.4143 & \text{Jun. 2, 1856} \\ \text{Jan. 8, 1866} & \text{Mar, 7, 1878} \\ 29.0940 & 30.139 \\ \text{Jan. 2, 1877 June 2, 1894} \\ 28.166 & 29.035 \\ 2.240 & 1.303 \\ \text{in 1893} & \text{in 1845} \end{array}\$

RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

	1896.	Average of 55 years.	Extr	RMES.
Average humidity of the year Month of greatest humidity. Greatest average monthly humidity Month of least humidity Least average monthly humidity	January 84 May	77 January 83 May 70	82 in 1851 Jan., 1857 89 Feb., 1843	73 in 1858 Dec., 1858 S1 April, 1849

EXTENT OF SKY CLOUDED

	1896.	Average of 43 years.	EXTR	RMES
Average cloudiness of the year	June.	0.61 Dec. 0.76 July. 0.49	0 66 in 69 77 0 89 0 29	0.57 in 1856 0.73 0.50

WIND.

	1896.	Average of 17 years.	Extremes.
Resultant direction. Resultant velocity in miles	0 75 8 44 March. 10 0 August. 6 69 Feb. 19 38 53	2 51 9 64	10.54 in '80 Bec. 1875 13.88 July '78 July, 1881 5.93 Nov. 17 '70 Eb. 10, '85 41.67 23.79 April 20th, Jan. 17, '85 8 to 9 a.m. 60 0

Note.—During the year 1896, the wind has been obtained from the records of the anemograph at the observatory at a lesser elevation than formerly, and no comparison has been made with the result of former years. The extremes are from the Island anemograph

RAIN.

	1896.	Average of 56 years.	Extremes.
Total depth of rain in inches	104 Sept. 5 085 Sept. 15	27·322 114 Sept. 3·274 Oct. 13	43 555 in '43 17 574 in '74 145 in 1890 80 in 1841 Sept., 1843 June, 1887 2 655 Amy, 1841 23 Sept. 14, '43 Sept. 14, '43 1 000

SNOW.

	1896.	Average of 53 years.	Extremes.
frequent. Greatest number of days of snow in one month. Day in which the greatest arount of great	73.3 43 Feb. 29.6 Jan. and Feb. 11 19th Mar. 7.4	January. 17.4 January.	122 9 in '70. 34 6 in '88. 87 in 1859. 33 in '48. Jan., 1895. 62 4 10 5 Feb., 1848. 46 Jan '88 Aiar. 27, '70. 16 0 4 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

SUNSHINE.

	1896.	Average 1882 to 1895.
Total duration of bright sunshine in hours Ratio to possible amount Month of greatest relative amount Ratio to possible amount Month of least relative amount Ratio to possible amount Number of days completely clouded Day of greatest relative amount. Ratio to possible amount.	May 0.64 December 0.16	2138 0 0 45 July. 0 61 December. 0 19 67 — 0 91

DIFFERENCES OF CERTAIN METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS FOR 1895 FROM THE NORMAL VALUES FOR EACH QUARTER AND YEAR.

	Bar.	Tem.	Raîn.	Days Rain.	Snow.	Days Snow.	Cloud- ed Sky.
Winter Spring Summer Autumn Year	- '0068 + '0662	+ 4.94 + 0.39 + 1.08	- 3:831 - 0:722 - 1:707	-443 $+1.24$ -3.72	$\frac{-2.2}{-7.8}$		- 0.04 + 0.02 - 0.01

PERIODICAL OR OCCASIONAL EVENTS, 1896.

January16.	Large flock of Wild Geese flying S.W. Snow Buntings about.
	Flocks of Grosbeaks.
	Lowest water in Bay 20in, below 0; 23rd, 24th, great ice and rain storm.
	Flocks of Grosbeaks again numerous
February 27.	
March	Song Sparrows. 17th, Spring birds numerous. 29th, Bronze Grackle, Moths
	numerous. First Thunder of year.
30.	Robins numerous. Gray Birds, Wild Geese, Brown Butterfly.
April 3.	Juneos. 11th, Plover. 12th, Meadow Lark, Frogs piping, Blue Bird.
	Large flocks of Ducks in Bay, 7th, Last measurable snow, 8th, Schooner
	arrived.
19	Phoebe bird, Golden Woodpeckers, Hawk, May beetle, Croeus in bloom.
	Chipping Sparrow. Soft Maples in bloom. Lawn grass green,
14.	Woodpeekers numerous. 15th, Cabbage Butterfly, Kingfisher. Elm in
7.0	bloom.
18.	Hepatica and Arbutus in bloom. 20th, Towhee numerous. 21st, Swallows.
	Frost.
	Willow in leaf. 2nd, Orioles seen. Dandelion in bloom.
4.	Cherry in bloom. 6th Humming Bird, Japonica in bloom. 7th, Plum in
	bloom. 8th, Apple in bloom. Elder in bloom. 10th, Lilac in bloom.
12.	Horse Chesnut in bloom. 14th, Mountain Ash.
	Night Hawks, 18th, Cherries ripe.
	Large flocks of Robins and Blackbirds, ome Snowballs in bloom,
	Swallows appear to have left.
	First frost and ice. 23rd, Pirst entry below 32° of season.
	Last Thunder Storm.
	First snow flakes. 17th, First measurable snow.
December 22.	Bay frozen. 25th, Sleighing.

